## SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES JUNE 18, 2014 6:15 PM

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Pledge of Allegiance

Director Acton stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

On Roll Call, the following Freeholders were present: Deputy Director Cross, Freeholders Laury, Vanderslice, Bobbitt, Timberman, Ware and Acton.

## **Committee Reports**

#### <u>Administrative – Director Acton</u>

- The dedicated county employees were recognized for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service.
  - o Employee picnic turned out to be very nice
- Businesses are expanding Seigfried, McLane Trucking, Daytop Rehab Center, and JE Berkowitz
- Interviewed a company that takes old buildings and turns them into agricultural purposes
- WWII Veterans' Memorial Brick event took place at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Complex
- Treasurer/ Purchasing will be holding Purchasing/Edmunds policy training in the near future
- Leroy Pierce was surprised at the Fire Fighter Graduation
  - o He was thanked and commended for the above and beyond work that he does
- C&H partnered with NJ 350 & Pennsville Historical Society Farm Day
  - o From Donna Litvin The event was fabulous; We had more people than we ever had before. Our field was packed with cars and people were parking on the street. I am going to guess around 500 people. Sold 300 hotdogs and ran out. Thank you so much for all the advertising you did for us. We really appreciate it.
- New Sweden 10 yr. re-dedication of monument
- Woodstown FFA was able to showcase their new curriculum program to Secretary Fisher
- Vo-tech Chocolate Competition, Awards Ceremony, Special Services Graduation, High School Graduation on 6/20/2014

# <u>Public Works – Freeholder Laury</u>

- White building in Salem in under progress, scraping and painting is underway
- Elevator in the Court House is complete and running without issues
- Four change orders have been issued
  - o Hancocks bridge delayed waiting for bluestone curbing, grant funded
  - o Commissioner's Pike more work than anticipated, road was really broken down once construction started, 99% complete
  - o Almond Road Inspected the road, needed someone handicap ramps put into place at Andersons Market and the Centerton Inn
  - o Palatine Culvert took some trees down
  - o There is an agreement with Elmer to re-stone the municipal building parking lot for the 2014 Oil and Stone Program

- Auburn Road Drainage, Dr. Owens, in the process of designing a new retaining wall that needs to be replaced.
- o The County Employee Picnic was a success; food was great, big thanks to Jessica Foote for donating tents, tables, and chairs.

## Public Safety – Freeholder Cross

- SHERIFF MILLER -
  - Ellie Kidd will be retiring, effective August. We're looking internally for someone that could potentially take over her OnBase responsibilities.
  - Shared Service agreement is working well with the inmates and revenue produced.
- PROSECUTOR LENAHAN -
  - The Prosecutor congratulated and thanked the Freeholder Board for their involvement with his office. It appears as though we may be one of the very few throughout the state that enjoy that open relationship.
  - (Fritz McIntosh) will be graduating from the Academy this week (he actually graduated today).
    - o 60 started 35 finished.
    - o He was also asked to speak on behalf of the graduating class.
- OEM
  - They will be offering an Emergency Planning Course which is catered to schools.
    - They encourage all school superintendents to tap their maintenance staff as they are invaluable as to the resources of the school.
- For more information, please contact Director Pompper
  - As an FYI, there have been two (2) pregnancies that arrived at the MHSC
    - One barely made it to Vineland for her delivery.
  - The renovation of the 911 Dispatch center is well underway. The fire room is nearly complete and once that finishes, they will move into the Law Enforcement side and do the same. Once they are complete, we will look to hold an Open House.
- SCIA -
  - SCIA Board and the County will be dissolving Economic Development and placing with the County.
    - They can no longer afford to fund the division as it has been running at a \$100K deficit that past two years and it was previously funded 'outside' the SCIA.
    - Without these additional funds, they only have the revenues from the Solid Waste Division and they cannot sustain it as it is currently structured.
    - It will eliminate duplication of services yet both entities will continue to perform Economic Development, just going back to the original core mission with the County being the ambassadors (in conjunction with the SCIA and the SCEDC) and the SCIA providing the various funding options at their disposal.

#### Social Services – Freeholder Timberman

- Meetings for Commission on Women are done for the summer, new member was appointed.
- Board of Social Services met on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, no new updates
- Bookmobile working on the Vo-tech van to put the Children's library in there, tires on van are being replaced by United Way, Financial disclosure statements are no longer needed for a non-profit
- Letters from the Clerk's Office for the Primary Election; some letters were sent out past the week deadline, so some people were not sure if they won or not and missed the Reorg. Meeting.
- Financial Disclosure statements were due by June 6th
- School Based Youth Services is done at the end of June, going up for RFP, Money will not be lost, hoping that schools apply.
- Common Core legislation was stopped by the assembly 72 to 4.
- Bookmobile budget needs to be checked and analyzed.

#### <u>Health & Human Services – Freeholder Vanderslice</u>

- One-Stop, Board meeting on Monday, 3 things; operational agreement, signed memorandum will be delivered.
- Disability Awareness Day, July 15, 9am- 1:30 at Riverview Inn.
- Office on Aging distributing farm market vouchers
- Environmental Division will be looking at septic review plans, goal has been to maintain a maximum of 10day turnarounds, they have been doing them in 5 days.
- Health Department making plans for Fall Flu plan schedule
- Adult Protective Services Program is moving from the Office on Aging to the Nursing Division.

## Public Services – Freeholder Bobbitt

- No reports.
- One-Stop is no longer under Freeholder Bobbitt's Committee. Inquired about why rent went up for the One-Stop, CFO Katie Coleman explained the final number has yet to be determined. The original lease could not be located.

## <u>Transportation</u>, <u>Agriculture & Cultural Affairs – Freeholder Ware</u>

- NJ 350 is moving along, everyone has been doing an outstanding job
- The Salem County Photo Contest has been extended and set to end on June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Trying to apply for a \$40,000.00 Arts Grant

#### Discussion:

#### Freeholder Cross

- Asked if there was a possible fan program of some sort for extremely hot days
  - o Possible Office on Aging, Freeholder Vanderslice will inquire

## Freeholder Ware

- Asked why the County is paying for Disability Awareness Day, and that the County never funded them before.
  - o Freeholder Vanderslice will inquire
- Asked if anything can be done about changing the Centerton light
  - o Freeholder Laury mentioned a timer or anything on the light will make the light more efficient, will look at costs and more into it.

#### Freeholder Bobbitt

- There is no director for economic development?
  - o Freeholder Cross said there is no director and no plans to hire a director at the SCIA. The county will post an RFQ for the potential position.
  - O Director Acton stated Lou Joyce and Bill Miller will be hoping to work together for county planning and engineering.
- When will salt be brought in?
  - o Freeholder Laury will inquire

Freeholder Timberman made a motion to enter adjourn, seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice, carried by hand vote of 7/0 at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kevin Crouch Clerk of the Board